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GREEN TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote green technology to protect environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the Green House gas emissions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): India has been following a path of sustainable development through a range of policies and programmes including promotion of environment friendly technologies to protect the environment while also yielding co-benefits for addressing climate change effectively.Some of the steps taken by the Government include, inter-alia, setting up of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and encouraging energy conservation and introduction of energy efficiency labeling, promoting use of renewable energy, power sector reforms, use of cleaner and lesser carbon-intensive fuel for transport,fuel switching to cleaner energy, promotion of clean technologies, reduction of gas flaring, encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems and environmental quality management for all sectors.Further Government of India has released the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in June 2008, firstly, to adapt to climate change and secondly, to further enhance of the ecological sustainability of India's development path. NAPCC envisages implementation of eight National Missions in several thematic areas such as National Solar Mission, National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission for Sustainable Habitat, National Water Mission, National Mission for sustaining the Himalayan Eco-System, National Mission for a Green India, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, National Mission for Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change, to address the concerns of climate change.